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1. The following account of a competition held by the Kreisjugendleitung of the Freie Deutsche Jugend (FDJ) in Gardelagen gives a picture of the recruiting methods and propaganda devices used by this organization.
2. The competition, which was to run from 1 January 1947 to 15 March 1947, was governed by the following rules which were published in a directive issued by one Günther Horst of the Kreisjugendleitung.

a. Political

Each subdistrict (Unterkreis) was to hold two weekend orientation sessions which were to be attended by at least ten FDJ functionaries. The sub-district which could show an attendance of at least twenty different functionaries and could submit at least twenty essays on one or more of the six topics taken up during the instruction periods would receive ten points. The following topics were to be discussed: the group as a basic unit of the FDJ; the by-laws of the FDJ; the duties of the younger generation; youth and the nation; the organizational duties of a FDJ group leader; the cultural functions of the FDJ. The FDJ sub-district that organized a rally in which at least four hundred young people participated to listen to speeches on "The Rights of the Young Generation" would receive ten points.

b. Community Aid

Every sub-district was to cut fifty cubic meters of wood for the sick and aged, organize a paper, rag, nail, and bottle salvage drive, and establish rest-and-recuperation asylums for children from Western Germany. Points were to be given according to the amount of wood cut, salvage material gathered, and asylums offered.

c. Organizational Assignments

Points were to be awarded FDJ sub-districts for the establishment of efficient personnel record systems, the prompt rendering of dues, the recruitment of new members, and the sub-mission of the best activities reports.

3. Prizes awarded to the top FDJ units consisted of a motorcycle, vacations in the Harz Mountains, and monetary awards.

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